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REMARKS

This amendment is responsive to the office action dated May 19, 2005. A Request for Continuing Examination is submitted herewith.

Claims 1-17 have been canceled. Claims 18-32 have been added. Support for the amendments may be found throughout the Specification and the Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added.

The Examiner has objected to claims 11-12 contending that the meaning of the term contact item is unclear. In addition, the Examiner has rejected claims 1-17 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over US 2004/0019794 (Moradi) in view of US 5,845,255 (Mayaud). The Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections. However, the undersigned has reviewed the Examiner's arguments and in an effort to expedite issuance of claims has canceled claims 1-17 and added claims 18-31.

Currently pending claims 18-32 are directed towards unique aspects of the present invention which are not described or suggested by the cited art. The pending claims claim a system for facilitating automatic online receipt of an order for contact lenses and fulfillment of the order through direct shipment of the lenses to the patient and charging a dollar amount specified by the authorized reseller. In addition, the online system automatically calculates a suggested quantity of lenses based upon one or more received rules, the lens brand and a prescription date and determines whether an ordered quantity of lenses exceeds the suggested quantity.

Applicant's respectfully submit that none of the cited art describes or suggests the elements of the currently claimed invention and respectfully requests allowance of the claims.

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